रेल सुरक्षा बल द्वारा गलत कार्य करने के संबंध में समाचार

2269. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 3 अगस्त, 1995 के "हिन्दुतान" के पटना संस्करण में "रेल सुरक्षा दस्ता हिफाजत की बजाय लूटने में लगा" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि यह गैर-कानूनी धंधा बेरोक-टोक चल रहा है तथा इस संबंध में जनता, जनप्रतिनिधियों तथा संसद सदस्यों द्वारा शिकायत करने के बावजूद भी इसकी रोकथाम नहीं की जा रही है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार यात्रियों के साथ की जा रही लूटपाट तथा अमानवीय व्यवहार को रोकने के लिए कठोर कार्यवाही करेगी और दोषी व्यक्तियों को दंड देगी?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) जहां तक फतुआ रेलवे स्टेशन (बिहार) के निकट हुई घटना का संबंध है, यह रिपोर्ट मिली है कि गाड़ी सं. 4084 डाउन (महानंदा एक्सप्रेस) का मार्गरक्षण कर रहे रा.रे.पु. कर्मी कुछ यात्रियों से धन छीनने में संलिप्त थे। इस संबंध मे रा.रे.पु. स्टेशन/पटना ने भारतीय दंड संहिता की धारा 384/34 के अंतर्गत 28.7.95 को अपराध सं. 156/95 के तहत एक मामला दर्ज किया है और इस मामले में उपयुक्त कार्रवाई की जा रही है। रा.रे.पु. प्राधिकारियों ने ऐसे कदाचारों की रोकथाम के लिए कड़े उपाय किए हैं। रा.रे.पु., होमगार्ड और रे.सु.ब. कर्मियों के विरुद्ध अन्य शिकायतें विशिष्ट नहीं हैं। बहरहाल, रा.रे.पु./होमगार्डों के विरुद्ध ऐसे मामले निवारक उपाय करने के लिए अनिवार्यतः संबंधित प्राधिकारियों के नोटिस में लाये जाते हैं। रे.सु.ब. प्राधिकारी भी अधीनस्थ कर्मचारियों की गतिविधियों पर कड़ी नज़र रख रहे हैं और कोई कदाचार पाए जाने पर कड़ी कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Transportation of goods through River Ganga

2270. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had planned for daily transportation of goods from Allahabad to Howrah via Patna, through river Ganga; and

(b) if yes, when it is going to be started, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. However, transportation of goods in river Ganga between Haldia and Patna is undertaken by the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd., Calcutta (a public sector undertaking) and some private operators.

(b) Does not arise.

Number of registered vehicles in Metropolitan Cities

2271. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of already registered vehicles in four metropolitan cities which do not and cannot be fitted with catalytic converters for using unleaded petrol; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to minimise pollution levels of these arleady licensed old vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The total number of registered petrol vehicles in the four major metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras as on 31st March 1994 is given below:

METRO	TOTAL VEHICLES (In lakhs)
Delhi	22.39
Bombay	6.08
Calcutta	7.16
Madras	6.89

The Government has, from 1.4.1995, permitted the registration of only those new four-wheeler petrol vehicles in these four matropolitan cities which have been

fitted with catalytic converters and designed to use unleaded petrol. By and large, it has not been considered technically feasible or economically viable to retrofit older vehicles with catalytic coverters, bearing in mind Indian conditions and the economic costs involved not being commensurate with the environmental advantage realised. It has been felt more advantageous to concentrats on ensuring that new vehicles are fitted with catalytic converters and allowing older vehicles to be gradually phased out.

(b) the measures being taken for control of pollution from on-road vehicles include the following:

(i) State Transport Authorities have been asked to enforce the standards stipulated for on-road vehicles;

(ii) Lead level is planned to be reduced to a maximum of 0.15 grammes per litre in petrol to be supplied throughout the country by December, 1996.

(iii) Intensive awareness compaigns have been launched by Transport Departments of States, to educate people about the statutory punitive provisions related to vehicular pollution, health hazards and about the measures for keeping the emission levels low.

(iv) Various Government Departments have been asked to get the vehicles in their administrative control checked regularly and suitable measures be taken to ensure that the emissions are within the prescribed limits.

(v) A major survey was carried out by the Central Pollution Control Board on the pollution caused by automobiles in the major cities and towns in the country. The findings of the Survey have been used to prepare comprehensive programmes for control of pollution in the major cities.

(vi) City planners have been advised to incorporate in their plan the long-term requirements of mass transportation.

(vii) Steps have been initiated to introduce compressed natural gas in petrol driven vehicles in some of the cities.

Crude oil reserves in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh

2272. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crude oil reserves have been found at Lakhimpur, Dhewaji and Jonai in Assam Ruksin, Oyaw, Sille and Rasighat in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) when exploration of crude oil likely to take place in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Plans are in hand to drill about six locations in Lakhimpur area soon during 1995-96, based on the results of seismic interpretation. One block in Lakhimpur district covering an area of 4200 Sq. Kms. in Lakhimpur, Dhakuakhana, Bihpuria, Majuli etc. has been offered to foreign/ Indian oil companies in Joint Venture Exploration Programme, 1995, date of submission of bids for which is 15th September, 1995.

Construction of Rail Overbridge at National Highway 46

2273. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state: